



**THORNLEIGH WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 9th May 2017**

1. Opening and Apologies:

Present: Nicci Fishwick, Kate McGettigan, Deb Flannigan, Emma Fenton, Janine Sherlock, Libby Crothers, Michelle Christopher, Trish Stephen, Nicole Thompson, Kylie Booth, Jane Massam, Veryan McAllister, Musette Healy, Vanessa Erikson, Martina Miller, Patty Correll, Ingrid Leese, Nicky Honeysett, Robin Beard, Amelia McLean, Amanda Long, Kerith Massey, Cathy Carlton, Belinda Cooper.

Apologies: Julie Tanger, Yvonne Curren, Lisa Pang

2. Minutes of the Meeting 14.04.17

- Query re dates for interrelate - Chantal and Vanessa E will liaise re dates - it will be in term 4 – waiting to hear back from inter - relate. To clarify this is a course to be run in the evening with parents and children open to parents from year 3-6 open to parents' discretion.
- Kerith Massey commented on typo of hand dryers not hairdryers mentioned in previous minutes. s

Minutes accepted unanimously with above noted.

3. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil apart from matters to be discussed in process of meeting.

4. Correspondence - Nil

5. Principal's Report - see Appendix 1

In addition:

- Renovations in office front area underway, general tidy up, looks more professional, more privacy for Margaret to minimise interruptions
- Library - to remove wall to allow library to be correct floor space for number of students. To be done once 5P move out of temporary classroom into demountable being completed currently.
- Laptops – investigating different options with assistance for some tech savvy teachers. Plan to purchase 30 infinity 1 laptops – to organise P&C to see one at next meeting hopefully.

6. Subcommittees

6.1 President

New president voted in at AGM earlier tonight Vanessa Erickson.

6.2 Treasurer

Discussion and confirmation of blank spaces in proposed budget which include items on principles wish list to be considered in budget. Items confirmed tonight to be included in budget to be presented next meeting.

- 6.2.1 Vervan Proposed : That we utilise 40k for the term deposit for the Building of the **playground equipment**
Further discussion was had re proposed spending on school playground equipment: Do we to spend the whole amount (40K)? We need to consider the whole school environment and play needs of all the different age groups. It was confirmed in the meeting that any actual decision re specific purchase would come through the P & C meeting for ratification.
Discussion of use of native garden playground solutions perhaps using working group of interested parents?
All in favour of obtaining further information re playground options and decide dollar spend based on solutions identified.
- 6.2.2 **Cares bike programme** – 1k – All agreed we would continue to support this bike safety programme for year 6's.
- 6.2.3 Chantal spoke to **Learning support** – currently there are 38 children getting 40 mins 4 days a week. Learning support team meets every week and discussed new referrals and allocates resources as required. Chantal reports the 4 day programme is working well for classes and at this point does not need to be upgraded. The impact of pulling the kids out of the class needs to be balanced. To jeep funding as is for this. All agreed.
- 6.2.4 **Big Arse Fans** - approx. 15k for one large one in main hall section and then a smaller one on the stage. unanimously Passed
- 6.2.5 **Classroom teachers independent spending** on items such as rewards, prizes etc. - to increase allowance up to \$150 All Agreed.
- 6.2.6 Already bought three **interactive whiteboards** - about 4 ½ K each so slightly more than what we had previously budgeted. To continue to budget for ongoing replacement of these. 13.5K
- 6.2.7 **P A system in kindy cola area**. Discussed quotes received earlier in the year. Very expensive - approx. 8K? All agreed to re look at this next year
- 6.2.8 Margaret in office looking at a **telephone system for all classrooms**. Meeting attendees supportive of this initiative. Chantal might have grant from department but cost is looking to be approx. 15K in total. Grant will give 8.5K and 6K would be schools top up.
- 6.2.9 **Laptops for ICT studio** - 30 – approved 15k
- 6.2.10 **Demountable - needs one air-conditioning unit and interactive whiteboard** – 9K would be great – Chantal. All agreed to support this.

6.3 Uniform shop

See report submitted at AGM

In addition Nicky looking into a point of sale system – will cost between 4-5 K. Gordon and Lisa Pang helping with this. Previous request for \$1548 for new cupboard - not required currently.

6.4 Canteen - see report from Karen Edmunds

At the beginning of the year I moved items around on the flexi schools ordering pages so that salads and other healthy options are closer to the top and we are certainly getting more orders for the healthier options

Moving forward we will need to make adjustments to our menu to ensure we comply with the new requirements by 2019. Quite a few popular items will no longer be allowed but I am sure that as before when the traffic light system was introduced that the manufacturers will ensure that replacement items will comply. Mufti days can still go ahead as they are classified as fundraising. (*We have 2 years to plan to get compliant with the new guidelines.*)

I have yet to find time to source a new freezer but will before the next meeting Aircon on the way out – we need provision for air con in future

6.5 MDFDGG

Belinda Wilson new convenor of MDFDGG, Deb Flannigan spoke to this at meeting - all order Thursday 11 May 2017

Need volunteer for volunteers V to email to class parents with roster

6.6 Fundraising General

Veryan – been doing a great job re spring fair coordinating sponsors. Innovating with new competitions and prizes eg – art school giving prizes. There will be a colouring in competitions again , Creative writing competition – to be judged by Bernadette with book prizes for kids, a Lego building competition – north connex to sponsor this . Cake decorating – speaking to Australian patisserie academy for sponsorship.

A Raffle – Nintendo switch on offer

First Class parent meeting for Spring Fair next week, 24 classes

Mother's day high tea – providing opportunities for parents to connect, successful event.

Family portrait fundraising next event

6.7 Band - See band report submitted at AGM

6.8 Green Thumb

– Big thanks to Ingrid Lees and Emma Fenton for all their ongoing work. Nil further – see report submitted at AGM,

7. Agenda Items

- 7.1 Toilet doors fixed
- 7.2 Paul's back
- 7.3 Lights down
- 7.4 Hooks for school bags near year 3 classrooms – J.Tanger – Chantal will look at hooks.
- 7.5 One dead tree at pathway to rear of qrtersession.

8. General Business :

See report submitted at AGM, nothing further

9. Closing : 10:02am

10. Next Meeting 06.06.17



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Appendix 1: Principles Report



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Principals Report Term 2 Week 3

Waka

Auditions have occurred last term. Still children to be finalised. Due to new finance system we are waiting for Karyn to be approved. Hoping that waka and drama will start next week.

Invoices

Each student is different t depending on Term 2 activities. See example.

Website

We are moving towards a new website. Our current one is only used to upload the newsletter. IT will be good to declutter and work on sharing great learning at TWPS. Evan Gibbons is working on it and will chat with the P & C for your needs.

Harmony Day

It was great have some visiting performers. Raise cultural awareness. Happy for feedback. Keen to move to a cultural exchange with some classes. This will ensure authentic learning and understanding/ celebrating difference.

Staffing

Erin Mealey – Rebecca Yalda
Ria Davis – new permanent teaching various

Band

Thank you to the band for performing at the last K – 6 assembly. It was a great performance. They enjoyed having an audience and the children loved the music!

Year 6 vs teacher

This is a great way to end the term. The students loved the competition and just quietly teachers enjoyed it – a little bit of stress release.

Eater Hat Parade

It was a fun afternoon. It was lovely to see many parents and grandparents there! The idea is an informal get together. Apologies that the PSSA teams didn't make it back in time.

ANZAC Service

Thank you to Julie Granville for organising a very respectful service. It is vital we teach our children the history of ANZAC.

Term 2

Term 2 is in full swing. Timetables have been finalised. Changes to eating time are ensuring the safety of students. Allergy's and sitting on cold ground.

NAPLAN – this week. Catch up will be Friday.

Mother's Day

Thank you for trialing something different. I love the idea of mums getting together. I am looking forward to this.

Children can add something pink to their uniform Friday – gold coin donation for McGrath Foundation.

Kindergarten 2018

Information evening 23 May in the hall. Thoughts on light supper? Catering committee could help. School tour 24 May 9.15am.

Transition dates: 20 Oct, 27 Oct, 3 Nov and 10 Nov.